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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 10, 2008 (Paper No.: 20080106), for which the shortened statutory period for reply was set to March 10, 2008.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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